

Student Performance Level Descriptors for the End of Course Examination Program (EOCEP)

All students are required to take the EOCEP Algebra 1, English 1, and Biology 1 tests to meet federal accountability requirements. Performance level descriptors are developed, revised, and expanded prior to and during the standard setting process for each EOCEP subject. During the summer of 2016, educator committees conducted standard setting (setting cut scores) for the Algebra 1 and English 1 EOCEP tests. The standard setting for the Biology 1 EOCEP test was conducted during the summer of 2017. For these three subjects, educators have developed four performance levels to describe student mastery and command of the knowledge and skills outlined in South Carolina's College and Career Ready standards (SCCCRS) and the South Carolina Academic Standards and Performance Indicators for Science 2014 (including 2005 Biology Standard B-5). For the state-required United States History and the Constitution EOCEP test, educators developed three performance levels during a standard setting conducted during the summer of 2014.

Beginning with the Fall/Winter 2016-17 administration, the EOCEP scale scores will correspond to the Revised South Carolina Uniform Grading Scale (2016). The general meaning of each of the performance levels is provided below:

Performance Levels for Algebra 1, English 1, and Biology 1:

- The student **does not meet** the expectations of the course content standards--scores below 60 ("F").
- The student **minimally meets** the expectations of the course content standards--scores from 60 to 69 ("D").
- The student **meets** the expectations of the course content standards--scores from 70 to 89 ("B" and "C").
- The student **exceeds** the expectations of the course content standards- scores from 90 to 100 ("A").

Performance Levels for United States History and the Constitution:

- The student did **not meet** the content standards--scores below 60 ("F").
- The student **met** the content standards--scores from 60 to 89 ("D", "C", and "B").
- The student demonstrated **exemplary** performance in meeting the content standards—scores from 90 to 100 ("A").